GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
EXTERNAL AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:2146
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Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) Whether the U.S. Administration has recently handed over a list containing 170 names of illegal persons resembling Indian names to the Government of India;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the response of the Government thereto?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI VINOD KHANNA)

a) Yes.

b) As on date, the Immigration and Naturalization Service of the United States has given to the Indian Embassy in Washington 171 names of persons purported to be of Indian origin and staying illegally in the United States.

c) Indian citizenship of 75 of the above persons has been confirmed and they have been issued emergency travel documents to return to India. The national status of the remaining 96 persons is being verified from the concerned authorities in India.